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With two suns, it's been a little dry lately!

Weather: It's Dave, man. Will you open up? "All of the news you really need. Probably more" "Noli credere omnia legis"

Cosmos Space Festival 2021



Pic by Curt Meyer

Pull Baby, Pull!



Swing Batter, Swing!



Space Festival a Big Success

By Mark Minnick

By all accounts, this year's Cosmos Space Festival was a rousing success.

With Covid 19 pretty much in the rear view mirror, attendees sure seemed to enjoy the weekend festivities, having fun and socializing with friends and family.

There was a little something for everyone. If you like motorsports, live music, pancakes, pie & ice cream, cold beer, roast pork, parades, garage sales, raffles, softball games, bean bags or just plain hangin' out with friends old & new, you could find SOMETHING to do.

The Space Festival Committee is to be commended again this year for the big effort that went into this wonderful community event. **Thank You!**

On these next pages, the photos show various happenings that took place over the weekend. All photos were taken by me unless otherwise noted. Take a look, you may be in one!

NEWS FLASH!

Alien Visitors Were Here



We have proof!

(Story inside this issue.)

Cosmos Space Festival 2021

-More Memories-







Pic by Sara Henschke











Cosmos Space Festival 2021

-Even More Memories-



Pic by Sara Henschke















Veterans Memorial Dedication
7-18-21
Beack-Thompson Post Legion Post 126





Main speaker Van Karg

Pics and commentary by Curt Meyer

Our remodeled and updated Veterans Memorial was dedicated during the Cosmos Space Festival on Sunday, July 18th. Plans for the Memorial, located in the Cosmos City Park, first hit the news in the Galactic Gazette in April of 2020.

After that, we had a couple of big setbacks. First Covid hit and then we lost Jim Lies who was in charge of the project. Thanks to Ralph Inselmann who took over and completed the project.

If you haven't stopped by the Memorial already, please do so. I know for myself when I saw some of the names it sure brought back memories.

Post 126 would like to acknowledge the following for helping with the project;

- Mike Walter Construction
- Darwin Monument
- LandsKapings
- Meeker Sand and Gravel
- Falcon Industries
- Johnson-Hagglund
- City of Cosmos
- Cody Zahnow
- Dave's Electric
- David Medina
- The Galactic Gazette
- Paver purchasers
- Legion Family Volunteers



United States, Minnesota, and POW flags fly above Memorial



WWII Vets Floyd Walter and Richard Mortensen were recognized.



Jan Lies presents a donation in memory of her husband Jim.



Auxiliary Gals "Lookin' Good!"



Group of Vets "Lookin' Good!"

Thank You!

The Cosmos Senior Club

would like to thank all of the people who sold tickets and those who bought tickets for our Space Festival Basket Raffle. We appreciate the support.

Here are the winners:

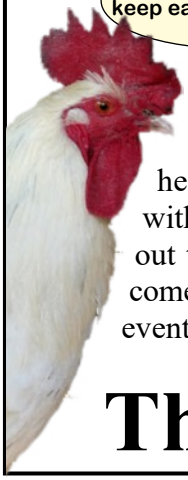
Wine Basket: *Bob Arndt*
Bloody Mary Basket: *Bernie Reinke*
Fishing Basket: *Jake Mortenson*

Cosmos Community Club

Serves 650 Pork Chops!



Again this year, a large number of hungry folks descended on the Cosmos City Park to enjoy the tasty cuts of grilled pork. The Cosmos Community Club served up 650 of the sizzling chops and all the fixin's on the side.

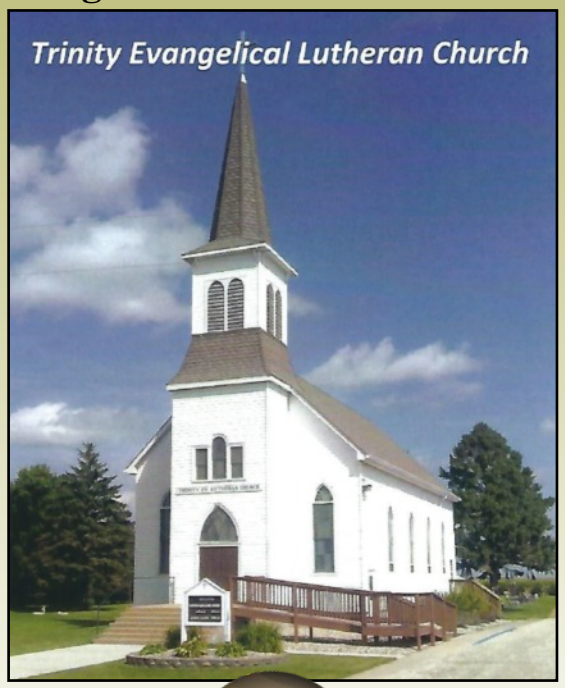


Many thanks go out to the grillers, salters, servers, money takers and helpers. We couldn't have done it without you. A final "Thank You" goes out to the folks who make sure that they come and partake in this annual community event during Space Fest.

We love your support!

Thanks Again!

Congratulations on 125 Years!



From The GALACTIC Gazette

"Wishing you well for the next 125."

TIME WARP Whozit?



This local fellow (left) hailed from the Corvuso suburbs. He was a Funks "G" Hybrid Seed Corn dealer, shown here receiving a sales recognition award in August of '71.

Whozit?

Email your answer to:

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…to all who helped work and supply food at the Tractor Pull and Food Stand in the park during Space Festival. Also thanks to Mike and Kelly Inselmann for preparing the pork for the tractor pull. You all helped make the weekend a success.

From the Peace Lutheran Church Women

August Daily Lunch Specials

T 3 Fish, fries & coleslaw
W 4 BBQ Rib dinner
T 5 Crispy chicken sandwich w/potato salad
F 6 Broasted chicken dinner

T 10 Turkey bacon club w/coleslaw
W 11 Baked chicken dinner
T 12 Chicken pot pie
F 13 Meatloaf dinner or commercial

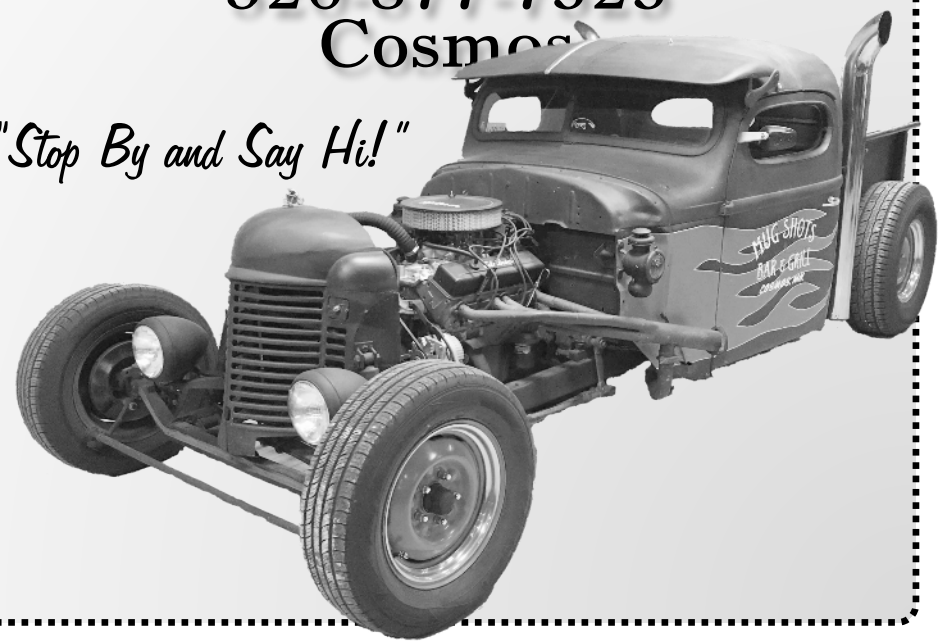
T 17 Hot ham & cheese w/potato salad
W 18 Fish, fries & coleslaw
T 19 Broasted chicken dinner
F 20 Sausage & kraut hotdish

T 24 BBQ Chicken dinner
W 25 Roast beef dinner or commercial
T 26 Tater tot hotdish
F 27 BBQ Rib dinner

T 31 Spaghetti w/garlic toast

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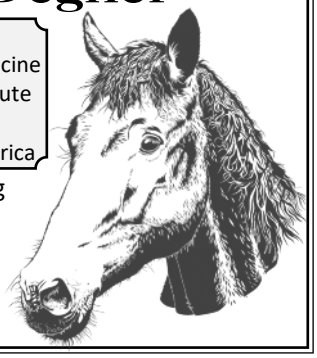


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The Galactic Gazette
"Always Action Packed & Fun Filled!"

"90 out of 100 aliens surveyed said they had a great time at the Cosmos Space Festival. The other 10 didn't show up to the flying saucer to head back to Neptune Sunday night. I guess they're living amongst the locals now...



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MINUTES
CITY OF COSMOS
REGULAR MEETING
July 8, 2021

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas McCarthy at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2021.
COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Members Emily Van Hatten, Katie Hansen and Jody Fruetel.
COUNCIL ABSENT: Angelica Hopp
ALSO PRESENT: John Douville, Josh Halvorson, Sarah Miller and David Medina
Adopt Agenda – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
Adopt Consent Agenda – A motion by Hansen, seconded by Van Hatten, to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

a. June 8, 2021 City Council Minutes
b. Overtime Balances
c. MMS – Parameter Report
d. Meeker County Sheriff – June 2021 Report
e. Resolution 21_14 Adopting Fair Housing Plan of Action

VISITORS PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDANCE

Bolton & Menk – Josh Halvorson, engineer for Bolton & Menk, discussed the timeline for bids and the project in general. The city is waiting on the state for final bid approval. That is expected to happen by July 18, 2021. Bids will be received by August 10th and with time for Rural Development, the state and city engineers to review the bids it was proposed the August council meeting be moved to Tuesday, August 17, 2021 for bid acceptance.

August City Council Meeting – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Van Hatten, to move the August City Council meeting to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 17, 2021. Motion carried**.**

July 8, 2021 Bills List - A motion by Van Hatten, seconded by Hansen, to approve the July 8, 2021 bills list with check numbers from 14948-15017 for $113,041.35. Motion carried**.**

Res 2021_15 Deferred Assessment Policy- A resolution by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve Resolution 2021_15 Deferred Assessment Policy allowing people over 65 or those with disabilities to defer their assessments for principal and interest until they sell their home. Motion carried**.**

Res 2021_16 Meeker County/Cosmos Road Maintenance Agreement- A resolution by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve Resolution 2021_16 the Meeker County/City of Cosmos Road Maintenance Agreement. Motion carried**.**

Res 2021_17 Cosmos Fire Relief Pension- A resolution by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve Resolution 2021_17 Cosmos Fire Relief Pension to increase the annual benefit from $1,400 to $1,700. The pension balance would remain above the 135% funded threshold. Motion carried**.**

Regular Employee Wages – Discussion was had regarding wages for the regular employees. Both David Medina and Sarah Miller have passed certification tests in their fields. Medina with the Class D water license and Miller with the Certified Municipal Clerk of MN designation. With seasonal help wages approaching regular employee's wages, discussion was held regarding regular employee wages. Traditionally, the city has provided a $1.00/hr. increase for each utility certification. With Councilmember Hopp absent, Councilmember Van Hatten requested the wage discussion be tabled and employee evaluations be started for an overall review.

Table Regular Wage Discussion – A motion by Van Hatten to table the regular wage discussion. Mayor McCarthy called for a second to the motion three times. The motion to table the regular wage discussion died for a lack of a second.

Employee Wages – A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to move Sarah Miller's pay from $15.45/hr. to $17/hr. and for David Medina to receive a $1/hr. increase for each of the following utility licenses; Water Class D, Wastewater Class D, Water Class C. Ayes: McCarthy, Fruetel, Hansen Nayes: Van Hatten. Motion carried**.**

Fireman Application - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to approve David Medina's application to join the Cosmos Fire department. Motion carried**.**

Water Plant Filter Media - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to prepare plans to replace the filter media at the water plant. Motion carried**.**

Space Festival – Councilmember Van Hatten discussed what public works needed to do for the upcoming Space Festival.

Next City Council Meeting – The next city council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 17, 2021. The agenda will be posted in the city office window, post office and bank vestibule by Thursday afternoon. Any change in meeting dates or times will be displayed on the digital sign.
Motion to Adjourn - A motion by Fruetel, seconded by Hansen, to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Motion carried.

_____- DRAFT-_____
John A. Douville, Administrator/Clerk

TIDBITS



Greetings! Lake Lillian Fun Days are back August 4-8. It's so wonderful to see the area towns resurrecting their annual summer festivals.

Is there a person in your life who unknowingly made a permanent powerful impact? This month I pay tribute my piano teacher, Myra Peterson and my high school band director, Mr. David Adams, for the inspiration they unknowingly provided to a young boy. My piano lessons started in 2nd grade and lasted to 6th grade. I was not excited to start, but after some time, something started to stir inside.

Myra did a wonderful "thing" during my last two years of lessons. She introduced pop culture music books so we could learn current songs we heard on the radio. One I remember was "Hey Jude" by the Beatles. Myra taught enough music theory to be able to sit down and play along with songs on the radio. Our band director, Mr. Adams, would occasionally play great rock and roll on the piano in the band room which again planted a seed as he was having fun.

As a high school freshman (fall of '72), a dream was born while attending my first homecoming dance with a live rock band. The 4-piece band from Minneapolis was a mix of keyboard, guitar, bass and drums. They had so much fun performing. (Side note, the lead guitarist in that band was Dez Dickerson, who went on to play with Prince).

In the fall of '76, as a freshman at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, I was lucky to pass the audition to sing in the concert choir and networked with other musicians interested in jamming. One thing led to another and the band "Desert Skys" was born. This started a 45+ year journey having fun playing across Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota in several bands: "Desert Skys", "R-Gang", "Diver", "Beats Workin'", "The Doc Holliday Band"," Specials Lit", "Route 66", "Big Al", Big Al-leluia" and being a church musician.

The Doc Holliday Band progressed to the point of playing with many national acts and enjoying the humbling honor of being inducted into the Midwest Rock/Country Hall of fame. A personal highlight occurred in 2010 at a cabaret piano bar off Broadway in New York City.

Roman, the original lead singer of Doc Holliday, and I were in New York with our wives and friends for a long weekend and we heard about a cabaret style piano bar (Don't Tell Your Mamma) where the servers were the featured singers, and the crowd sang along.

Sounded fun so we went. Somehow a message got to the piano player (I think it was Roman's wife) about a couple country boys from MN who could sing, and he invited us up to the piano. When I asked if I could play the piano, he was hesitant to hand it over and I don't blame him. We took a risk and played a beautiful country song we had arranged called "Calico Eyes" (written by the Minnesota band Whiskey River).

At the end of the song, the man in charge was delighted as the crowd cheered and asked for more. He nodded his approval, and we went into "Can't You See" by Marshall Tucker. It was familiar to the crowd who were singing along by the end. That was soooo much fun.

It wasn't Carnegie Hall, but for a couple of guys from small towns on the MN prairie, it was just as good. Of course, there were disappointments and struggles along the way, but that is what makes the special times soooooooo special. Thank you for the inspiration Myra Peterson and Mr. Adams. Have a great August.

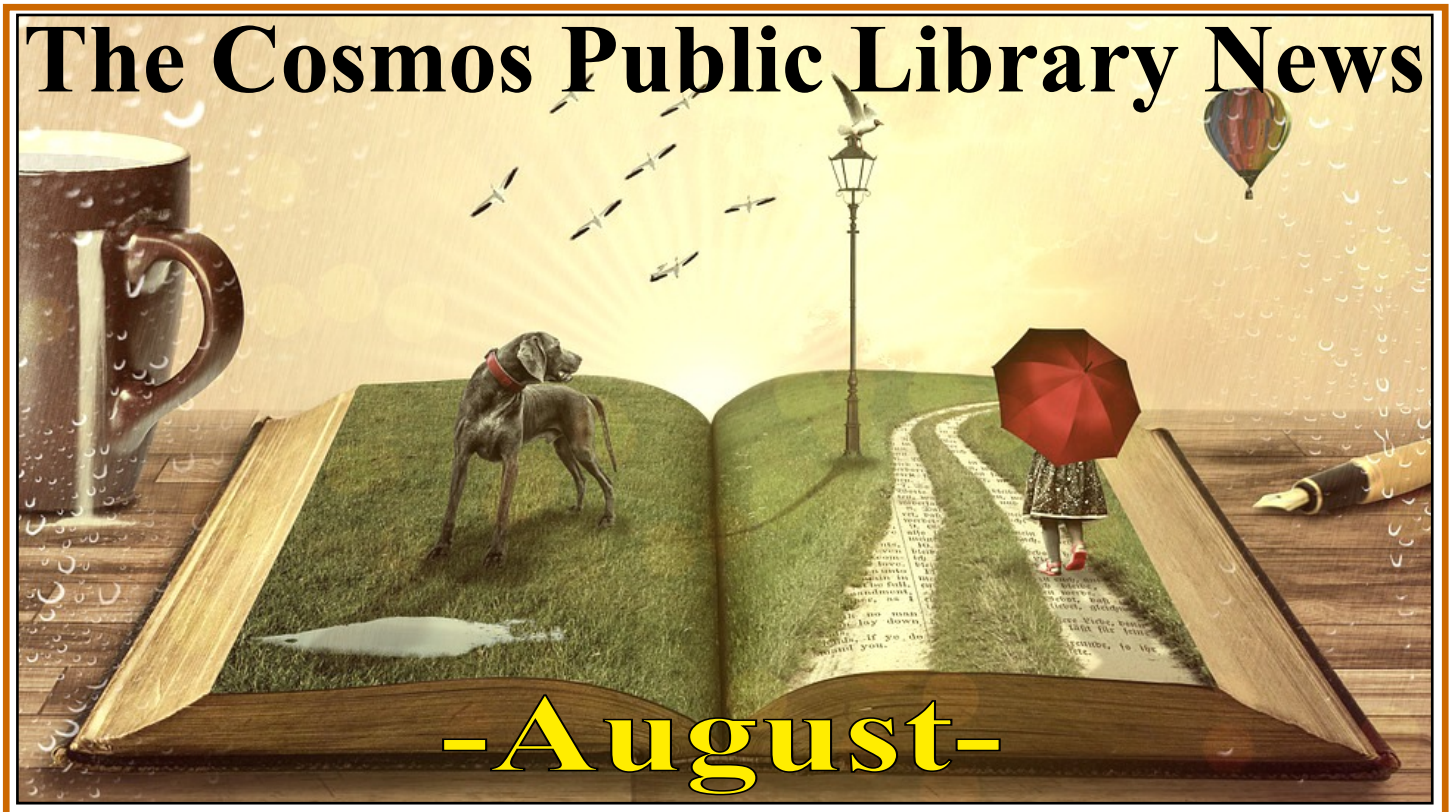


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The GALACTIC Gazette

"All the news you really need. Probably more."

The Cosmos Public Library News



By Beth Cronk
Meeker County Librarian
Pioneerland Library System

The summer reading program this year is called "Reading Colors Your World." There's still plenty of time for kids and teens to sign up and earn prizes for reading this summer, since the program runs until August 28.

As in past years, the children's reading log is set up like a game board. Kids can fill in spots on the board by reading, being read to, being active, eating colorful fruits and vegetables, and making art. When kids have the sheet all filled in, they can bring it back to the library for a prize. Teens get a simpler reading log where they record the number of hours they spend reading.

Prize choices include things like books, art supplies, small toys and activities, and Casey's treat certificates. Thank you to Casey's for their donation to the program! Summer reading programs can encourage kids to keep reading all summer so that they keep up their reading skills and start school in the fall ready to learn.

The Cosmos Library has set up two story walks in the city park so far this summer. We'll have another story walk in August: "Swatch: The Girl Who Loved Colors" by Julia Denos. It will be set up on Monday, August 9, and Monday, August 23, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Families can talk a walk around the park and read the book together page by page.

Take-home craft kits continue to be very popular at the library. On Tuesday, August 3, the library will have a summer treat magnet kit available for kids. On August 10, DIY peg game kits will be available for teens to pick up for Teen Take-Home Tuesday. And on August 17, origami bookmarks will be available to pick up for kids of all ages. The kits are made available those days, but if some are left at the end of the day, they'll continue to be available the following days during library hours. Please take only one per child.

On Tuesday, August 10th, the library will lead an outdoor craft program for kids at 3 p.m. Check the library website or contact the library for more details and to sign up. All library programs are free to attend.

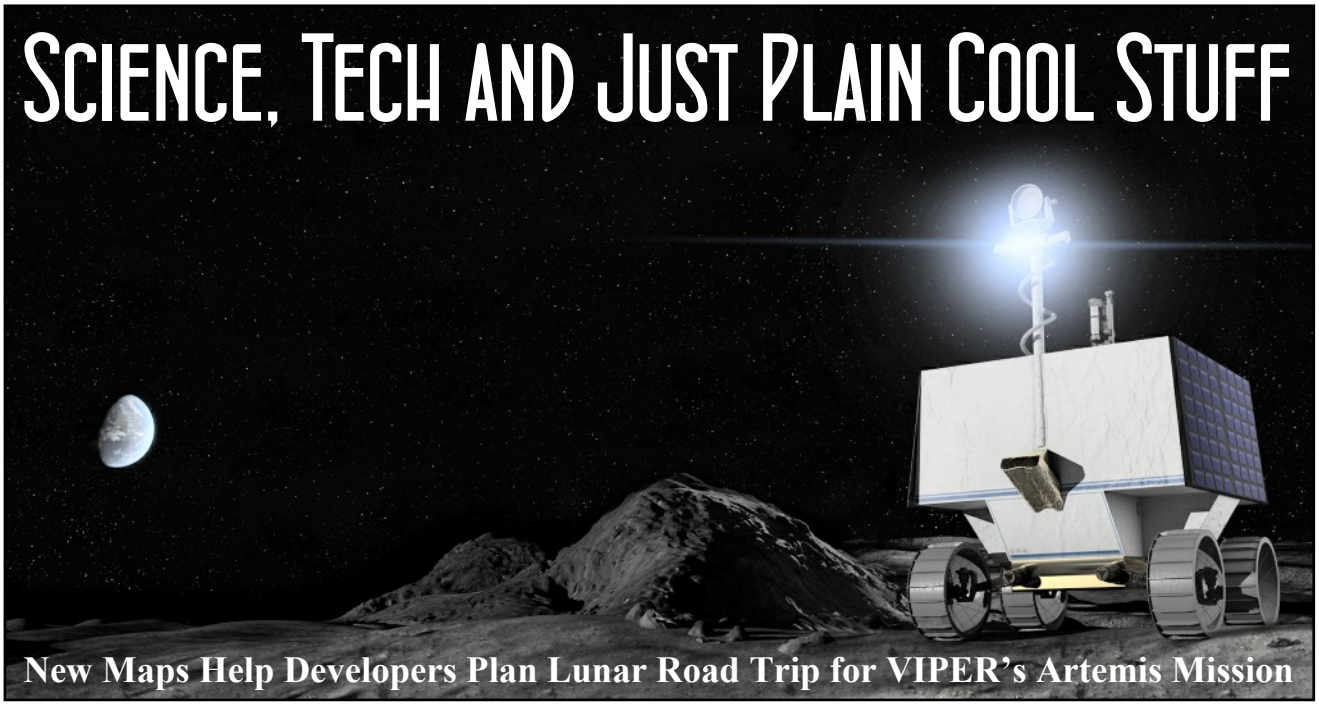
Two Australian music programs are available online from Pioneerland Library System through August 6. Tails and Tales: Australian Music, Animals, and More! is geared to children and families. It's an energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, comedy, character building, storytelling, and audience movement. The other virtual program is called "Aussie Funk Jam," and it's geared to ages 10 to 18. In this hands-on video program, participants will learn how to make a didgeridoo from household items and how to play it. They will also learn about Australian and Aboriginal culture and can participate in a virtual jam session with the video. Visit the library's website at cosmos.lib.mn.us to register through a Google form and get instant access to the programs.



The Cosmos Library is open regular hours with no appointments or time limits for visits: Mondays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesdays 2 – 5 p.m., Thursdays 2 – 6 p.m., Fridays 2 – 5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Desktop computers are available to use for one-hour sessions. Curbside pickup remains available during all library hours by calling the library at (320) 440-1012. People who aren't fully vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask in the library.

Visit cosmos.lib.mn.us for the latest updates.

Science, Tech and Just Plain Cool Stuff



New Maps Help Developers Plan Lunar Road Trip for VIPER's Artemis Mission

As any seasoned road-tripper knows, to get the most out of an adventure, a good map helps. It's no different for NASA's first lunar robotic rover planned for delivery to the Moon in late 2023 to search for ice and other resources on and below the lunar surface. The Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover, or VIPER, is part of the agency's Artemis program. Without a Moon travel guide, VIPER's mission planners are creating new high resolution, digital elevation maps of the lunar surface.

When equipped with these maps, the rover will be in a better position to safely and efficiently traverse the Moon while looking for resources at the lunar South Pole. Ice is a resource of particular scientific interest as it may have applications if found in space and converted to other resources to further our exploration into the solar system such as oxygen and rocket fuel. *Story and graphic by nasa.gov*



On July 4, 2016, NASA's Juno spacecraft arrived at Jupiter on a mission to peer through the gas giant planet's dense clouds and answer questions about the origins of our solar system. Since its arrival, Juno has provided scientists a treasure trove of data about the planet's origins, interior structures, atmosphere and magnetosphere. Juno is the first mission to observe Jupiter's deep atmosphere and interior, and will continue to delight with dazzling views of the planet's colorful clouds and Galilean moons. As it circles Jupiter, Juno provides critical knowledge for understanding the formation of our own solar system, the Jovian system and the role giant planets play in putting together planetary systems elsewhere. *Story and graphic by nasa.gov*

Thank You

To the

Cosmos Space Festival Committee

For planning, coordinating & executing another successful

-Cosmos Space Festival-

To

- Home State Bank
- Falcon Industries
- Cosmos Legion Family

For being major donors to The Space Festival Fireworks Display

To the

Cosmos Legion Family

For collaborating with the Cosmos Lions on the structural improvements and upgrades that were implemented at the Cosmos Softball Park Concession Shack.

We hope you got to "BLAST OFF!" at The Cosmos Space Festival!

From the

The Cosmos Lions

"We Serve"

Remember, we are always looking for new gals or guys to become members & join us.
Feel free to talk to any Lions member or email; cosmoslions@mac.com

The Cosmos Lions

Labor Day Weekend

Co-Rec Softball Tournament

September 4th - 5th

***Burgers *Beer *Concession Stand**



It's Back - It's Bigger - It's the Lion's

"Big Green" Raffle

12 Cash Winners!

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*Drawing will be held on Sept. 5th 2021 4:00 PM at the Softball Park *Permit X02401

*Must be 18 to buy tickets & win prizes

Talk to your local Cosmos Lions Member for tickets right now before they're gone!

Remember, we are always looking for new gals or guys to become members & join us.
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"Alien Visitors" Invade Cosmos Space Festival-The Real Story

Editor's note; I had the great fortune of meeting these "Alien Visitors" as I was enjoying a malt beverage at the softball park. In my capacity as the town's unofficial "Pluto Expert", I noticed a gal with a 'pro-planet' Pluto t-shirt.

As it looked fairly sporty, I gave a compliment on her smart choice of t-shirt attire. She thanked me and introduced me to the rest of the 'invading contingent'. She noted that they all wore outer spaced themed shirts just for the Cosmos Space Festival. Hmmm, this could get interesting, I thought….Out-of-Towners.

Then they all lamented that none of the locals wore anything space related and that the group felt a little, well…silly. I told them I thought all of there shirts were really cool and top notch. *(I also thought about going home to get my Captain Video space helmet to show 'em but I decided against it.)*

The conversation continued from there as we schmoozed for about an hour. I had a great time talking to this Twin Cities group and I'm glad Kyle, Ewelina, Deane and Lisa came out and 'invaded' out fair city.

As the Gazette editor, I really appreciate that Deane, who I found out is a freelance writer, sent me an article about their Cosmos experience to publish in the Gazette. I'm confident you readers will enjoy it.

Very cool, thank you Deane. ***Editor, Mark Minnick***

Cosmos Space Festival, An Outsider's Perspective

P.L.C. Tractor Pull - Martin Luther Would Approve.



Pic by Mark Minnick

By Deane Biermeier

Road weary and exhausted, we parked the car for short break on a street named' "Milkyway." We had been on a driving tour of small towns in Minnesota. This place called; "Cosmos" was the last one on our list for the weekend. It seemed like a cute little town, but we were far too tired by now. We made a mental note to go online later and see what we had missed. It was September 2019.

At home in St. Paul and online the next day, I'm looking up Cosmos. It looks like a cool place. The street names are clever. How did we not even notice the water tower? Wait. What? A Space Festival? A what? Yep. A Space Festival! Start the car, we're going! Oh. July? Okay, we'll have to wait. "Cosmos Space Festival" is written into next years' calendar.

Let's not talk about the year 2020. This is a happy story. Fast-forward to July 17, 2021. The now-two-year wait has finally ended. It's antique tractor pull day in Cosmos, Minnesota.

Circling the town, we search for Peace Lutheran Church. No luck. We pull to the side of the road at Milky Way and Capricorn. A kind woman directs us where to go. When we finally arrive, we are thrown into another…. world. (As a visitor, am I allowed to use Cosmos puns?)

We looked at the beautiful quilts hanging and for sale in the front yard of the Church. Another helpful and kind woman, Grace, pointed us to the pork and tractors. Lisa, my wife, and I agreed at that moment that this was possibly the friendliest place we had ever been.

The pork sandwiches were the perfect compliment to what we were about to witness. If anyone outside of Cosmos ever reads this, all you need to know is this; They have a tractor pull track in the back yard of the church! The. Back. Yard! Of the church! This is the coolest place ever!

Now, as lifelong big-city dwellers, we have never seen a tractor pull live. Let alone an antique tractor pull. I couldn't tell you the difference between a Massey Ferguson and a Labrador retriever. We were about to get an education.

It seems the goal is simple. Pull a heavy thing as far as you can. There's far more going on here than that, though! These are hard-working, get-the-job-done, stand-up, small-town folks and today is their day. This is their event. Spent diesel fumes and dust combine, thickening the hot, sticky air. The stage is set. The competition is on.

Watching this up close, it's apparent that driving one of these things takes talent, strength, and coordination. It looks like a game of full-contact motorized chess. You can make your move… if you think you're tough enough.

Many of you were there. I don't have to go into details about who beat who. The drama reached several pinnacles. A father outpulled his son, only to have the tables turned on him a short time later. Two young men, not old enough to drive a car in the city, put up solid runs to compete against the best. Look out guys! These younger gentlemen are coming for you! I thought one athlete was going to rip the throttle right off her machine! She was a blur as she pulled to victory at over 7 mph! It was truly an emotional roller coaster. That was just part of the day!

We had come to Cosmos during the Space Festival expecting an out-of-control street party. We even bought space-themed tee shirts thinking we would try to fit in. (We were the only ones with space-themed tee shirts) What we found was a wonderful celebration of everyday people, simply taking a break from routine. Welcoming, friendly, fun-loving, hard-working, real people. Thanks for having us for a day. Cosmos is not so much a small town as it is a collection of great people.

The "Visitors"



Pic by Mark Minnick

L to R; Kyle Vraa, Ewelina Vraa, Deane Biermeier, Lisa Barton

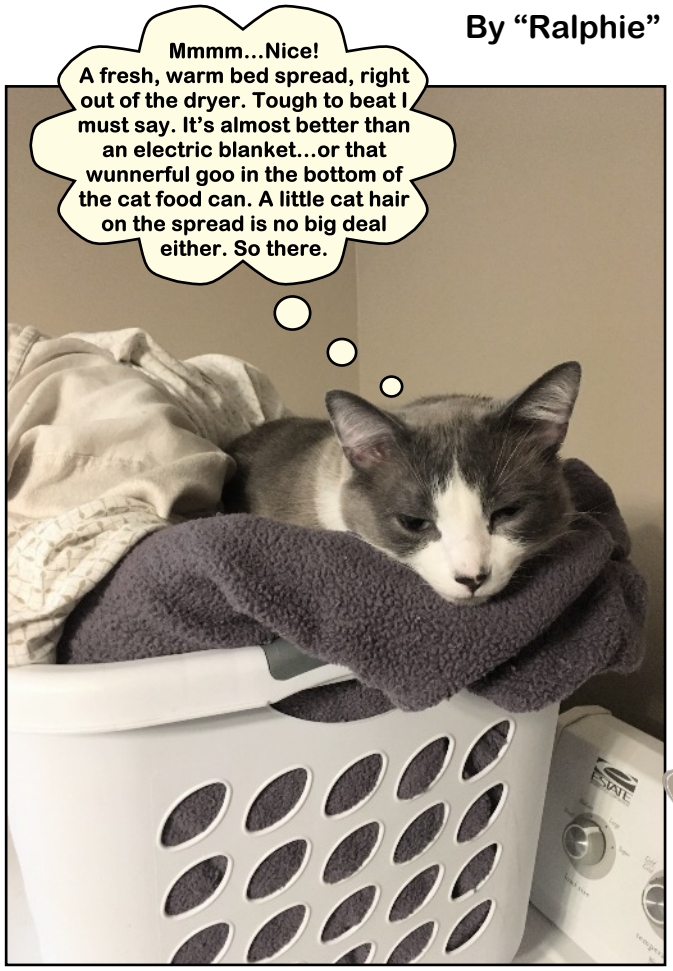


WOIDS OF WISDOM

Curly tells a gal, *"I used to work in a bakery as a pilot."*
The gal asks, "A pilot?"
Curly responds, *"Yeah. I used to take the bread from one corner and pilot in the other. Nyuk, nyuk, nyuk."*

Thoughts from NEARY the Windowsill of Life

By "Ralphie"



Saturday Evening Entertainment



By Mark Minnick

Gazette subscriber Dave Dallmann sent me this nice fish pic. At first glance, this mossback looks to be state record material. But alas, this cute little 14 incher is the victim of photographic bias. It looks 'monstrous' because the fish is so close to the camera's lens.

In real three dimensional life, your brain compensates and knows that just because an object is closer, it doesn't mean it's bigger. In a flat, two dimensional image, it appears to our gray matter that the subject (fish) is bigger than it really is. It's called "Forced Perspective".

When folks hold a fish 10 to 30 inches out away from their body, it makes the catch look bigger and better (the closer to the camera lens, the bigger the fish looks). And there's nothing wrong with that. It's certainly better than cradling the fish against your chest or body, rubbing off it's protective slime. But some folks do purposely try to make the specimen seem bigger than it is. If it's all in fun, fine. If not, well…

Now, I'm not implying that Dave was purposely trying to brag and make his catch look bigger than it is. It's just an extreme case of forced perspective because it's a selfie.

He's really just trying to tell me that he's having a good time on a nice sultry summer evening, watching the sun go down while catching & releasing a few fish. And that it sucks to be me, not being on the lake, like him. I agree & thanks for rubbing it in.



Thank You



The Cosmos Fire & Ambulance Departments wish to thank everyone that patronized our various activities and fundraising efforts during the **2021 Cosmos Space Festival.** We plan extensively and work hard during the annual event, hoping to show all of you folks a good time. We enjoy serving all of you, and we certainly hope you had a wonderful weekend.

The Cosmos Fire & Ambulance Departments

June **Whozit?** Answers

In last month's issue, I did not have room to give the readers the answers for the June **Whozit?** section.
So, here's the names of the freshly confirmed followers of Martin Luther, as they posed for this great picture in 1967.
The kids were from Trinity and Peace Lutheran Churches. Surprisingly, none of our readers contacted the Gazette with names of any of the kids.
No "Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner" for this one. At least we're saving on our KewPie stockpile.



CONFIRMED recently at Peace and Trinity Lutheran churches was this class, seen above with Pastor Gjevre. Left to right are: Front row, Bruce Nelson, Ken Schmalz, Keith Schmalz, Aaron Lietzau, Gale Wright. Center row, David Martin, LuAnn Schultz, Coreen Kaddatz, Bonnie Ulrich, Janet Macik, Roger Mortenson, Vicki Thomas, Kim Swigart. Back row, Marilyn Larson, Betty Zrust, Nancy Peterson, Susan Schiro, Pastor Gjevre, Douglas Maahs, Rodney Markgraf, Brenda Radloff and Valorie Bartz. --Photo by Brinkman Studio, Hutchinson.



Whozit? Winners

Hey, we had a few readers that identified the two Cosmos businessmen from 1971. I thought there would be more responses with two **Whozits?** - But what do I know? I'm not nearly as sharp as a certain chicken. Anyway, we saved on the KewPie stock. Here's our readers with the answers…

Maurice Turner and Vern Fredin — ***Carol Hoff***

I think the two distinguished Cosmos businessmen are Maurice 'TV' Turner and Vern Fredin Gambles Store. — ***Gary Schmidt***

I think one is Maurice Turner. — ***Milford Houck***



THIS BICYCLE held here by Verne Fredin, will be given away to some lucky boy or girl at the Space Festival. If the winner is a boy, he will be able to get a boy's bicycle instead. Youngsters get a chance to win the bike by buying advance tickets for carnival rides at the Space Festival. In addition to getting to win the bike, the tickets give the youngsters very cheap ride tickets--6 for $1.00. Tickets are now on sale at most places of business in Cosmos.



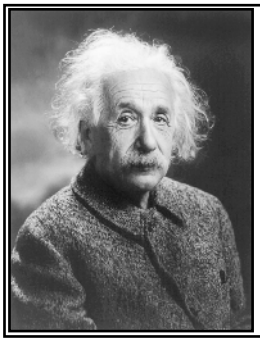
THIS RCA portable color television set will be awarded to the winner of the grand prize drawing at the Cosmos Space Festival Wednesday night, July 21. Tickets for the drawing are now available at places of business in Cosmos for a donation of 50¢ or three for $1.00. Displaying the television set is Maurice Turner.





Better to keep quiet and let people think you're an idiot than speak up and confirm it.

Rodney Dangerfield



"A ship is always safe at the shore, but that is not what it is built for."

Albert Einstein



Minnesota Profile: Bryozoans (Moss Animals)

Courtesy of the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer
July–August 2020

It's a beautiful late summer day at the lakeshore. You stand on the dock, relaxing in the sunshine, looking down into the water and . . . what is that thing? A large, gel-like mass is attached to the dock support. Is it an alien life form, an invasive animal, or what?

Appearance:
What you are looking at is a colony of tiny animals called bryozoans, or moss animals. The gel-like blob is created by thousands of these tiny animals attached into one large mass. These colonies are like firm gelatin, and they hold their shape if you pull them out of the water. They are translucent or opaque, and often may have a brownish or greenish color on the surface. While colonies can grow in a ball-like shape to the size of a volleyball, they may also be irregular in form. These colonies are attached to objects in the water—branches, aquatic plants, dock supports. One form of bryozoan doesn't have the gel-like appearance, but looks like a branching growth on hard objects like boat hulls.

Habitat:
Bryozoans are a primitive, ancient group of creatures whose fossil remains are found in rocks from long ago. While they are more abundant and common in marine environments, they have also adapted to freshwater habitats. Some estimates suggest that there are 20-25 species in North American freshwaters, but this is a bit unclear as this group is not well studied. They can be found throughout much of North America, and are common in our lakes, ponds, wetlands, river margins, and other waters in Minnesota. While they may be found in deeper water, the vast majority will be found in water less than 5 or 6 feet deep.

Life History:
The individual bryozoan is called a zooid—the animal and the tube that it lives inside. The microscopic animal extends structures filled with tentacles into the water to capture microscopic food such as algae, bacteria, and other particles. During the summer, zooids bud out new animals, which grow the colony from a few individuals in spring into a mass that may contain thousands of living and dead zooids. In late summer, the bryozoans begin to produce structures called statoblasts that will overwinter and create new zooids the next spring. These are dark, flattened oval discs that can survive harsh winter conditions. Statoblasts can be caught on feathers of waterfowl and transported to different waters.

Interactions:
Bryozoan feeding does not have any significant impact on the ecology and food chain. Bryozoan colonies may be fed on by aquatic animals including snails, scuds, caddisflies, midges, and small fish. However, they are not a major food item for any aquatic life in our state. Seldom do bryozoans create problems for people, although occasionally they can clog screens on water intakes. They simply are another unique, little-known animal living in Minnesota waters.

Gary Montz , DNR aquatic invertebrate biologist



This specimen was about 22" (~55cm) in diameter. Observed in a fresh water pond in the Catskills of New York state. It appeared in late summer to early autumn. It was observed to move about the pond under its own locomotion.
Courtesy wikipedia.com.

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Vintage Comics...& Then Some



By Mark Minnick

"The Teasers" from 1904. I couldn't find out much of any info online about this Sunday strip, but liked what I saw, so here it is.





Angie & Wayne Play to Packed House

Pics and story by Mark Minnick

The return of the Galactic Gazette Pot Luck Extravaganza went off without a hitch on July 14th. Plus, we hosted the unofficial "Opening Act" for the Space Festival. The huge crowd was entertained by none other than the local supergroup consisting of Angie Raddatz and Wayne Kessler.

This is the first Gazette Pot Luck since the Covid 19 lock down and it was a well attended by the locals. Tater Tot hotdish, baked beans, and macaroni salads were just a small sampling of the typical west central Minnesota cuisine. Now admittedly, my pico de gallo was met with quite a few upturned noses but that was to be expected I guess. At least Bob Arndt and I liked it. Oh, and I almost forgot, there were bars. Can't have a gathering without bars, right?

Everyone was getting their bellies full of the food and good cheer, including Angie and Wayne. As they finished eating before everyone else, the musicians proceeded to head up on the stage and warm up their instruments.

They started out with a few slow and easy numbers just to get their fingers and timing working properly. Wayne commented that he hasn't played in front of folks for almost two years, mainly because of Covid 19. They both lamented that they were a little rusty and not as sharp because of the layoff. Both reiterated that it was still great to be performing in front of people again. I told them I didn't care, I thought they sounded great.

From old standards to classic waltzes, the duo played quite the variety of tunes. There was "Has Anybody Seen My Gal", "The Beer Barrel Polka" (one of my favorites) and "The Green, Green Grass of Home" to get things started. And the crowd was into it, toe tapping, foot stomping and singing along.

Requests started rolling in from the electrified fans. The duo kept playing and playing the requests best they could as the crowd got more and more into the music. It got pretty wild. Uff da. They even played the politically incorrect "Too Fat Polka" *(We informed security to not let any social justice warriors in the place.)* and the appreciative crowd cheered mightily. I had already gone through three New Ulm Hauenstein's, proof that I was into the music. "Turn it Up!" I hollered but that was frowned upon by some who thought it was already too loud. Darned adults always want the kids to pipe down. Sheesh.

As the last set was winding down, I requested the old Swedish tune, "Life in the Finnish Woods". Wayne nodded, looked it up and proceeded to play it. As Wayne rolled through the chords, it brought back vivid memories of my deceased grandfather, Dick Defries playing this tune many times on his old button box accordion. Grandpa couldn't read a note, he played strictly by ear and memory. As Angie and Wayne were playing the tune, I got a tear or two in my eye, but they were warm, happy kind.

When the concert ended, I talked with Angie and Wayne as they packed up and we cleaned up the Pot Luck stuff. They both said they had a good time just as the crowd said they had a great time. Everyone agreed that we should do this again, so we will.

Stay tuned and Thank you Angie and Wayne!



Angie Raddatz and Wayne Kessler

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TIME WARP

Look Eunice! Those new-fangled snowmobiles are racing at the county fair - in the summer no less! Uff da.

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Elementary faculty is now complete

COSMOS--Two new faculty members for the 1971-72 school term were hired by the Cosmos board of education at its August meeting, last week.

Hired to serve as elementary principal was a native of Minnesota, presently living in Michigan. He is Norman Johnson of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

A native of International Falls, Minn., Johnson received his Bachelor of Science degree at Bemidji State College, and a Master of Arts degree at Northern Michigan University. He taught for one year at Crystal, North Dakota, then moved to Sault Ste. Marie, where he has both taught and served as principal.

Mr. Johnson is married and has two sons, aged two and one years.

THE ELEMENTARY faculty was completed for the coming year with he hiring of Marjori Jurgens of Spicer as teacher for the third-fourth split grades.

Mrs. Jurgens has had five years of teaching experience. Two of these years were at the Grove City school, and the las three years have been in South America--Ecuador.

CEWARD FARMER was promoted by the board of education to serve as head custodian. He will be relieved of his school bus rout duties in order that he may be available to supervise the other janitors and oversee the maintenance of the entire building.

IN OTHER actions, last Tuesday the board:

*SIGNED an agreement with St. John's Lutheran School of Cedar Mills to furnish transportation for student of the school as required by Minnesota statute.

*SIGNED an agreement with the Meeker County Nursing Service for nursing services during the coming school year, at $9 per hour--the same rate as last year.

*AUTHORIZED Supt. Lynn Townsend to be voting representative for the district in the Crow-River Vocational Education Coop. on occasions when the regular delegate, Marvin Hackbarth, is unable to attend.

*DELAYED a decision on school lunch prices for next year until final accounts on the hot lunch program for last year have been received and studied.

*TENTATIVELY appointed a committee of three (dependent upon acceptance) to serve as an inter-cultural education committee as required by the federal government. The three persons will attempt to set up studies of minority groups for six week periods in each grade.

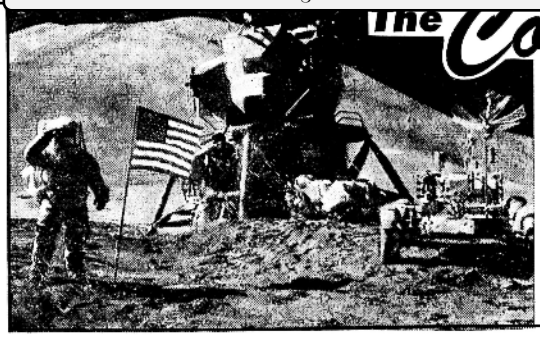
One of the members of the committee must be social science teacher, another a student, and the third a member of the public.

*ACCEPTED the low bid of Northwest Refining Co. for furnishing of fuel oil for the school during the coming year. The low bid was 11.53¢ per gallon. The board noted that this is approximately 2¢ per gallon higher than last year.

Other identical bids of 11.53¢ per gallon were receiver from W. H. Barber Oil Co., Midwest Oil, and Gustafson Oil Co.

*ACCEPTED the low bid of Home Oil Bulk of Cosmos for furnishing gasoline for the district during the coming year Low bid was 23.9¢ per gallon, also about 2¢ up from last year.

Minnick Oil Co. of Cosmos, and Menton Oil Co. of Corvuso each submitted bids of 24.3¢ per gallon.



Crow River press is expanding, adding press units and new building

HUTCHINSON--Crow River Press, Inc., owned in part by the Cosmos News and Lake Lillian Crier, has announced plans to expand its web offset printing plant in Hutchinson.

Crow River Press, a central printing plant for newspapers, presently prints papers from 21 area towns.

It has a four-unit rotary press with a capacity of 16 standard newspaper pages at 12,000 products per hour.

Construction has already started on the structure, which will be located at the corner of Shady Ridge Road and Highway 7 west, Hutchinson.

On order are two more printing units and an additional folder, which will give the press a capacity of 24 standard pages at a speed of 16,000 products per hour. It will be possible to operate the expanded equipment as one press or as two separate presses running at the same time.

Crow River Press, which was started in 1966 with two employees, now has three full-time workers and three part-time.

Stockholders include James D. Berreth, Watertown; H. W. Cutten, Eden Valley; John M. Harmon, Litchfield; Richard Higgin, Cosmos; Harry T. Koeppen, L. D. Mills and David Theis, Hutchinson; Charles H. Warner, Brownton, and James Deis, Gaylord.

Mills is president of the company and Theis is plant manager.

High school students should pre-register

COSMOS--Cosmos High School students, grades 7 - 12, are asked to complete their registration for the 1971-72 school term previous to the opening day of school, Aug. 30.

Official registration will be held from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. each day. Students whose last names begin in the alphabet from A through M will register Monday, Aug. 23. Students whose last names come after M in the alphabet will register Tuesday, Aug. 24.

Parents need not accompany the students unless they wish.

Registration will take place in the front entry of the high school.

Students who will be unable to register on Monday or Tuesday should contact the high school principal's office, telephone 877-2065.

Students are asked to bring money so that they may purchase lunch tickets in advance.

COMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Aug. 16-20 Football conditioning
Aug. 23 Football practice
Aug. 23-24 Pre-registration
Aug. 26-27 Teacher work - shop
Aug. 30 School opens
Sept. 3 Football - Hector - here - 7:30 p. m.
Sept. 6 Labor Day
Sept. 10 Football - Brownton - here - 7:30 p. m.

4-H winners receive ribbons at county fair

Numerous winners were named in 4-H competition as judging got underway at the Meeker County Fair on Monday, the opening day at the fair.

In the foods division, Pam Johnson of the Danielson Hustlers won the championship ribbon with a batch of rolls. The reserve ribbon went to Mary Levinski who baked cornbread.

In the junior division, Cory Hamilton of the Lake Betsy Stepping Stones took first place with baking powder biscuits. The reserve champion was Sheila Anderson.

Lauri Anderson of the North Stars took the blue ribbon in the beginning division with muffins. Reserve champion was Randy Jones of the Union Grove Uniters.

In home improvement, the championship ribbon in the advanced division went to Joyce Larson of the Danielson Hustlers. Eileen Swisher of the Ellsworth Lakers was the reserve champion.

Winner in the junior division was Kathy Bergstrom of the Acton Buzzers. Arlene Pherigo of the Litchfield Darts took the reserve championship.

Winner in the beginners bracket was Margaret Evenson of Star Lake, while Nancy Pearson of the South Koronis Club placed second.

Gail Schwandt of the Corvuso Go-Getters won the championship ribbon in clothing in the ribbon with Ranae Martinson taking the reserve championship.

In indoor gardening, the championship ribbon went to Cory Hamilton. Bruce Johnson of the Acton Buzzers won the reserve championship.

Taking top honors for his vegetable garden was Randy Schiro of Cosmos. John Bergstrom of the Union Grove Uniters won the reserve championship.

Top potato grower in the county among 4-H'ers was John Bergstrom of the Uniters. Susan Schiro of the Cosmos Comets took second.

In the fruit growing division, the first place ribbon went to Neil Jones of the Union Grove Club.

Gordon Hartmann injured Sunday in baler mishap

Gordon Hartmann, RFD 4, Hutchinson, lost the tips of the second and third fingers of his left hand in a baler accident on his farm Sunday afternoon.

Hartmann, who was baling straw, was attempting to clear some straw from the mechanism when the mishap occurred.

1971 Meeker County Fair draws a large attendance

LITCHFIELD--Meeker County's 1971 Fair concluded its four-day run Thursday night, with large attendance throughout, thanks to perfect weather and a crowd-pleasing agenda. The Destruction Derby Monday evening attracted 2,500 for example; the tractor-pulling had 2,400 on Wednesday.

Winners of $50 scrip money on Monday, first evening of the fair, were Mrs. Steve Gilbert, Grove City; Bernard Olson, Dassel; Mrs. Albert Rosenow, Mrs. Douglas O'Keefe and David Johnson of Litchfield and area.

Richer by $100 each on Tuesday evening were Tony Ceycalla of Grove City, Elmer Hartvig (2 awards), Evald Sandgren and Barb Anderson of Litchfield.

The winners of $250 each on Wednesday evening were James Lundberg and Philip Beckstrand.

Taking home the $500 grand attendance award on Thursday evening was Lewis A. Smith of rural Litchfield. The $100 award winners were Reuben Bergquist, Mrs. Nels Nordling and Dick Rick, rural Litchfield.

4-H AWARDS

Winning expense-paid trips to the Minnesota State Fair at a 4-H Horsemanship Show on Thursday afternoon were Richard Johnson of Kimball, Desiree Caswell of Dassel, Keith Fortun of Litchfield, Holly Smith of Darwin, Lynn Johnson of Darwin and Carmen Anderson of Litchfield.

The Halter Class Grand Champion was shown by Keith Fortun, the reserve champion by Holly Smith; Western Pleasure, Holly Smith and Lynn Johnson; Trail Class by Richard Johnson and Desiree Caswell.

TRACTOR PULL

First and second place winners in the various tractor pull classes on Wednesday evening were:

5,000-pound modified--Richard Olson, Howard Lake; Eldon Rath, Stewart; 7,000-pound modified--Dennis Christianson, Glencoe; Richard Olson, Howard Lake; 7,000-pound stock--Ralph Ziese, Redwood Falls; Duane Stuewe, Glencoe;

9,000-pound out-of-field --(limited to county participants)--Lavonne Grotton, Litchfield; Roger Lundeen, Dassel, 9,000-pound stock--Orlin Schneewind, Young America; Frank Marshall, Grove City;

12,000-pound stock--Clem Mackenthun, Brownton; Orlin Schneewind, Young America; 15,000-pound stock --Ernie Lange, Glencoe; Clem Mackenthun, Brownton.

Head Start will open five centers

LITCHFIELD - Meeker-Wright Community Action, Inc. will have five centers opening Aug. 30. The Full Year Centers will be located in Litchfield, Eden Valley-Watkins, Howard Lake-Waverly-Montrose, Maple Lake, and Monticello. The remainder of the two county area will be served by Home Start.

Both programs are designed to contribute to the child's total development by including a variety of educational experiences under the direction of a qualified teacher, medical and dental care, social services, nutrition and parent involvement.

The students are bused to the center in their schoo district. Head Start has mini-buses to transport the children in Eden Valley-Watkins and Howard Lake-Waverly and Montrose and MWCA is presently taking applications for the position of bus driven.

Approximately twenty children of pre-kindergarten age from families who meet the OEO income guidelines will be enrolled at each center, although 10 per cent of the class may come from above income families. Anyone who has a child who is four by Sept. 1 and is interested in the program is encouraged to contact the Litchfield or Buffalo Lake office. The programs will try to serve every eligible child in the two-county area.

Pair arrested in Darwin for wee-hour vandalism

At about 2:30 a.m. Monday, Meeker County Sheriff John

QUICKIE EDITORIAL

Stay Free

The labor market is not exempt from the elementary rule which applies to any market - the more costly you make whatever it is you wish to sell, the less you are likely to sell of it. Raising the price which must be paid for an hour's work by an unskilled worker is the surest way of cutting down on his chances of employment.

Missionary to speak at Corvuso Church

CORVUSO--Rev. Jack L. Riley has been scheduled to speak at the Corvuso Church of the Nazarene, Aug. 22, at 8 p.m.

The Church of the Nazarene sent Rev. Riley to the Republic of South Africa in 1960. This is his second furlough.

Rev. Riley has held many positions of responsibility in the Johannesburg area and in Salisbury, Rhodesia. In addition to evangelism and other missionary work, Rev. Riley has also had charge of some building projects, plus being a zone leader.

Rev. Riley studied at Olivet Nazarene College and received his A. B. degree from Pasadena (Nazarene) College.

Rev. Riley pastored Nazarene churches in Pasadena, Forest Park and Glendale, California.

Rev. Riley is married and he and his wife have three sons and one daughter.

The Rileys, while home on furlough, are making their home in Canton, Ill.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service and hear this outstanding man of God.

COULD OPERATE UNTIL APRIL

Failure of state legislature will not keep Cosmos schools from opening

COSMOS--Failure of the Minnesota State Legislature to enact tax legislation which the governor will not veto may, as has been reported in the daily press, Make it impossible for some school districts to operate--but NOT the Cosmos school district.

"Many districts in Minnesota have been operating without sufficient operating capital for some time," Supt. Lynn Townsend told the Cosmos Board of Education at its regular August meeting, last week. "In fact, many of them have been issuing warrants regularly", (under this system, a district writes a check with special wording on it, so that even if there is insufficient funds on hand, the bank will cash them and charge interest on them just like a regular loan.) "Now, with the money crisis in the state legislature, they are absolutely without funds or even much hope of getting any, soon."

"COSMOS, however is far from this condition. We finished the year 1970-1971 with a reserve of more than $200,000.

With some tax settlements still due from the county, members of the Cosmos board figured, last Tuesday night, that the school would be able to continue operation until at least April 1, 1972, without help from the state. At that point, however, the district would be broke and would have to issue warrants in order to continue.

The presence of a $200,000 reserve "cushion" is not exactly an accident. The first years of the local school district, back in the 1950's were stormy and rocky financially. The board suddenly discovered that the district was many thousands of dollars in the red.

For several years the board then began assessing slightly more than the money it needed in order to overcome the deficit and to build up a reserve so it would no more be caught flat broke.

It took many years to pay off those deficits and build up a "cushion", but the board planned carefully and maintained a watchdog attitude to ward deficits, until the goal was achieved. At one time, the board paid more than $1,000 annually for interest on these short term warrant "loans."

Now, instead of paying interest on warrants, the school district regularly receives interest payments on its reserve funds, a large part of which it invests regularly in short-term government securities.

The board likes this position and intends to stay there. At its meeting, last week, it decided to maintain the reserve level around the $200,000 mark.

An additional benefit of the reserve system is that it has enabled the board to make substantial purchases without having to issue bonds and pay interest and other fees. Largest of these purchases has been the school bus garage, which was financed in this manner.

"We're a long way from going under just because of failure of the state legislature and the governor to act," said Supt. Townsend, "but it really makes it rough for me at this time of year."

"Right now I should be making up the budget for the coming year in order that it may be submitted to the county auditor for tax purposes, but I don't even know where to start until I learn what the state legislature will do."



SOUTH OF THE BORDER

HOURLY STAGE SHOWS at the Mexican Village, successfully introduced at the 1970 Minnesota State Fair, drew SRO crowds. Bright, lively entertainment with a south-of-the-border flair will be presented at the complex from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, Aug. 28 through Labor Day, Sept. 6. Admission to the Village is free.

Snowmobile racing new at McLeod County Fair

HUTCHINSON--It'll be skis on dirt when snowmobile races are staged at a grandstand show at the McLeod County Fair Saturday evening, Aug. 21.

A new feature of the Fair this year, the snowmobiles will drag race about an eighth of a mile on the dirt track in front of the grandstand, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Grandstand entertainment will continue Sunday with stock car racing at 2 p.m. and the traditional free horse show at 8 p.m.

At 8 p.m. Monday the Porter Wagoner Show featuring Dolly Parton, Speck Rhodes and the Wagon Masters will be on the stage.

Tuesday will be Kids Day with free grandstand admission at 1:30 p.m. for the western horse games and running and chariot races. Music will be provided by Las Bandidos.

That evening the McLeod County Tractor Pull will draw thousands of excited fans at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday afternoon there will be harness and thoroughbred racing at 1:30 p.m., with free admission to the grandstand.

A 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Demolition Derby will be the grandstand attraction on the last night of the Fair.

Cash awards of $1,000 will be given away after the Monday and Tuesday night grandstand shows and a 1971 Plymouth Fury I will be given away after the Wednesday night show.

O'Neil's Amusements will be on the midway starting at 6 p.m. Saturday and continuing each afternoon and evening through Wednesday night. There will be reduced prices for kids on most rides until 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

LAWN SPRINKLING BANNED, HERE

COSMOS--Residents of the village of Cosmos are asked to cooperate in the careful use of water during this dry period.

Pumps are becoming overheated from working too much and too hard. Therefore, all water users are asked not to use water from the village mains for sprinkling lawns during the day.

Sprinkling may be done on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons--after 6 p.m. only.

Bloodmobile going to Meeker County next Monday Friday

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be visiting Meeker County starting on Monday, Aug. 23. The schedule is as follows:

Mon., Aug. 23, 2 to 7 p.m., Eden Valley, St. Peters Church, Mrs. Elmo Gasper and Mrs. Jean Riley, Co-Chairmen.

Tues., Aug. 24, 2 to 7 p.m., GROVE CITY, First Lutheran Church, Mrs. Earl Rueckert, Chairman.

Wed., Aug. 25, and Thurs., Aug. 26, LITCHFIELD Armory, Mrs. Irene Frederickson and Mrs. Dorothy Olson, Co-Chairmen.

Fri., Aug. 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dassel Covenant Church, Mrs. Victor LaPlante, Chairman.

The blood is urgently needed and it is hoped that the citizens of Meeker County

Bloodmobile is in our county than to give it in the hospital when someone near and dear to you is in need of blood. This could happen if we didn't have the blood program in Meeker County.

During the year 1970, 414 pints of blood were used at the Meeker County Memorial Hospital. If this blood were purchased from a commercial blood band, it would have cost those that receive the blood a total of $50 per unit. There is a handling charge to the Bloodmobile or a savings in 1970 of $15,318.00 to people receiving blood at the Meeker County Memorial Hospital.

SEMI DRIVER INJURED NEAR

Town Men are champions in Cosmos softball tourney, Crusaders are second

Town Men 8 Union 76--6

The Town Men defeated Union 76 by a score of 8-6 in the ninth game of the tournament.

The Town Men pulled ahead of Union 76 in the sixth inning when they scored five runs. At the game's end, the Town Men had seven hits. Dave Martin had two hits to lead the Town Men in the hitting department. The winning pitcher was Rueben Martin.

Union 76 finished the game with 10 hits. They scored two runs in each the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings. The losing pitcher was Bert Thomas.

Crusaders 5 Hutchinson 2

In the tenth game of the softball tournament, the Crusaders downed Hutch 5-2.

The Crusaders had four hits for the game, all by different players. Bruce Nelson was the winning pitcher. They scored one run in the first inning, two in the fifth, and two in the sixth.

Hutch scored both of their runs in the fifth inning. Hutch finished the game with five hits. Loren Schmeling had two hits to lead Hutch in hitting. Loren Schmeling was the losing pitcher.

Cedar Mills 15 Hutchinson 9

Cedar Mills smashed Hutch 15-9 in the 11th game of the softball tournament. This was the second loss for Hutch, so they were eliminated from the tournament.

Cedar Mills had a couple of big innings as they scored six runs in both the third and sixth innings. Randy Schlueter was the winning pitcher. They had 11 hits at the end of the am of the game.

Hutch had nine runs on nine hits. They scored four runs in the fourth inning. Loren Schmeling was the losing pitcher.

Country Boys 28 Union 76--7

The Country Boys defeated Union 76 28-7 in the 12th game of the softball tournament. This was the second loss for Union 76, so they are eliminated from the tournament.

The Country Boys had a big ten-run fourth inning. They had 16 hits in the five-inning contest. The winning pitcher was Gary Martin.

Union 76 had seven hits at the game's end. They had a big first inning when they scored six runs. The losing pitcher was Russell Nordine.

Town Men 6 Crusaders 4

The Town Men downed the Crusaders 6-4 in the 13th game of the softball tournament.

The Town Men had nine hits for the game. Arnie Blum had two hits including a home run. Mark Beckstrand also hit a home run. Arnie Blum was the winning pitcher.

The Crusaders had three runs in the second inning for their biggest inning. They finished the game with four hits. Doug Nelson hit a home run for the Crusaders. Bruce Nelson was the losing pitcher.

Country Boys 14 Cedar Mills 4

The Country Boys smashed Cedar Mills 14-4 in the 14th game of the softball tournament. This was the second loss for Cedar Mills, so they were eliminated from the tournament.

The Country Boys scored six runs in the third inning for their biggest inning. They finished the game with six hits. Gary Martin was the winning pitcher.

Cedar Mills scored all four of their runs in the sixth inning. They had seven hits for the game. Randy Schlueter was the losing pitcher.

Crusaders 6 Country Boys 4

In the 15th game of the softball tournament, the Crusaders defeated the Country Boys 6-4. This was the second loss of the tournament for the Country Boys, so they were eliminated.

The Crusaders scored four runs in the third inning for their biggest inning. They finished the game with five hits. The winning pitcher was Doug Nelson.

The Country Boys had 10 hits at the game's end. They scored two in the second inning, one in the fourth, and one in the sixth. Gary Martin was the losing pitcher.

Town Men 5 Crusaders 4

The Town Men became the champions as they eliminated the Crusaders with a score of 5-4.

The Town Men had a run in the first inning, two in the fifth, and two in the sixth. They had seven hits at the game's end. The winning pitcher was Rueben Martin.

The Crusaders finished the game with ten hits. They scored two runs in the third inning, one in the fourth, and one in the seventh. Bruce Nelson was the losing pitcher.

Final batting statistics

AT BATS	TEAM	AB
R. Nordin	Lbr. jacks	35
K. Hauer	"	31
Dale Macik	Twins	30
Doug Weis	Longhorns	29
J. Blomquist	Lbr. jacks	29

RUNS		R
Dale Macik	Twins	14
J. Junkerm.	Longhorns	14
B. Erickson	Bankers	14
M. Magnuson	"	13
R. Nordin	Lbr. jacks	13

HITS		H
Dale Macik	Twins	14
R. Nordin	Lbr. jacks	12
J. Junkerm.	Longhorns	12
J. Blomquist	Lbr. jacks	11
B. Erickson	Bankers	11

AVERAGE		
B. Erickson	Bankers	.500
D. Macik	Twins	.466
J. Junkerm.	Longhorns	.427
S. Johnson	Bankers	.416
S. Zupke	Lbr. jacks	.384

"HITTER of the YEAR" Dale Macik whose consistent hitting kept the Twins in title contention until the final game of the season.

"PITCHER of the YEAR" Steve Johnson who came on in relief of Mark Magnuson to win the las t to win the last two games of the season and give the Bankers the title.



JUMPING IN PLACE seems an easy and simply way to warm up for the football season. But when it is accompanied by frequent orders to fall flat on the grass and get up immediately, it can become strenuous.

26 Royal gridders huff and puff as training begins for 1971 season

COSMOS--With temperatures in the 80's, it's hard to think of football, or to realize that the football season is only a couple of weeks ago.

But 26 Cosmos High School boys last Monday evening did think about football. In fact, they thought about football so strong that they decided to forget about the hotweather and turn out for the first football practice session of the year.

They were huffing, puffing and sweating as Coach Mark Sichmeller and his assistant Steve Cartwright put them through a series of exercises in an attempt to put flabby muscles back into condition.

The Royals will open the 1971 football season on Friday evening, Sept. 3, when they will be hosts to the visiting team from Hector. Game time has been set for 7:30 p. m.

The balance of the season's schedule follows. All games begin at 7:30, unless indicated otherwise.

Sept. 10--Brownton, Home
Sept. 17--Raymond* Away
Sept. 24--Silver Lake* Home
Oct. 1--Lester Prairie* Away
Oct. 8--Clara City* Away--8:00
Oct. 15--Grove City* Home (Homecoming)
Oct. 22--Maynard* Away
Oct. 29--Milan* Home
Nov. 5--Play-off game between the winner of the Cro-Hawk Conference and the winner of the Pheasant Conference.

* Denotes Conference Games



COACH Mark Sichmeller, left, and Assistant Steve Cartwright look over the roster of players as the football season opened on Monday.



WADDLING on all fours, frontwards, backwards, to the sides, and repeated, takes a lot of the kinks out of flabby muscles (or puts them in). At the right is Coach Sichmeller.

Record crowd watches Espelund win at fair

With the largest grandstand crowd in the fair's history watching, LHS student Jim Espelund won the overall championship in the Destruction Derby on Monday night.

A crowd estimated at in excess of 2500 crowded into every available grandstand seat and spilled over into standing room areas for the derby.

In the first heat Rich Paulson of Kimball took first place and Gary Engfer of Litchfield placed second.

In the second heat James Piepenburg of Grove City was the winner and Chuck Schultz of Litchfield placed second.

Marv Stewart Jr. of Litchfield was the third heat winner with C. A. Mies of Buffalo placing second.

Fourth heat winner was Shawn Taraldson of Rt. 2, Dassel. Roger Berquist of Litchfield placed second.

Chuck Schultz won the consolation event.

Mrs. Barry Anderson took first in the Powder Puff Derby.

In competition for the best-decorated car, judges ruled a tie between Marv Stewart Jr. and Roger Berquist.

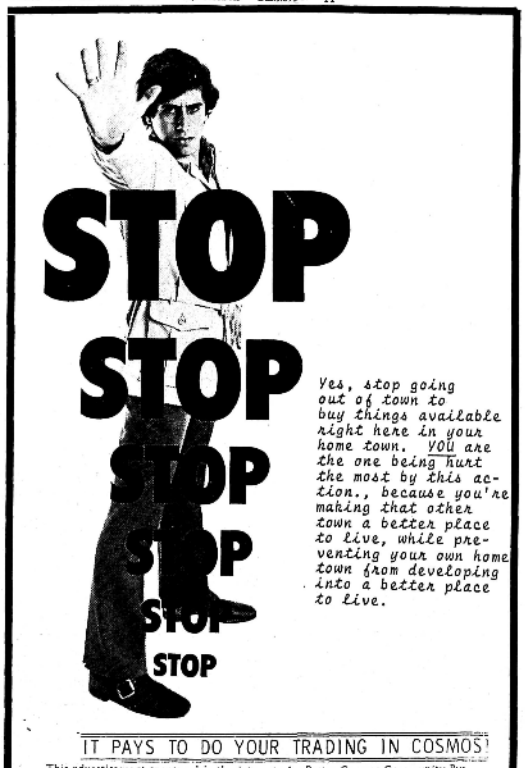
Espelund, as overall winner, retains possession of the derby's travolling trophy for a year, according to Warren Whalberg, overall chairman of the Destruction Derby.



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Commissioners set budget Sheriff's upped $10,000

The Meeker Board of Commissioners Wednesday approved a budget of $62,140 for the operation of the Sheriff's Department in 1972.

This is an increase of about $10,000 over the 1971 budget which called for expenditures of about $52,000.

Meeker County Sheriff John Rogers had submitted a 1972 budget request of $72,000.

In all other county departments the budget approved for 1972 was very close to 1971 figures.

The only other substantial increase was in the County Court District where expenditures in 1971 were budgeted at $48,860, compared with the Probate Court budget of $33,000 in 1970.

The increase comes as a result of state legislature action establishing a county court system, which will become effective in the county on October 1.

Under the legislative act, the salary of the County Court Judge Cedric Williams, will be $24,000. His present salary as Judge of Probate is $12,000.

The commissioners took no action on the welfare and county highway phases of the budget.

The highway budget is expected to be set at around $960,000, the same figure as last year.

County Auditor Don Herzog said the over all dollar amount of the budget will be approximately the same as last year.

He noted that no boost in the county mill rate is expected when the rate is set in October, when all valuation figures are in.

The county tax rate now in effect is 91.8 mills.

Herzog said there is a possibility that the mill rate actually could be down slightly when it is established in the fall.

Sheriff "not satisfied" with budget set for '72

Meeker County Sheriff John Rogers says he is "definitely not satisfied" with the 1972 sheriff's department budget approved last Wednesday by the Meeker County Commissioners.

"This office simply needs more help if we're to do an effective job of law enforcement," Rogers said.

The commissioners set the 1971 sheriff's department budget at $62,140.

Rogers had requested a budget of $72,000. The budget for 1970 is $52,000, but indications are that sheriff's department expenses will exceed that by a considerable amount this year.

Rogers said he hopes the people of Meeker County will make it known to the commissioners that they -- the voters -- would support a substantially increased budget for law enforcement in the county.

"It's up to the people," Rogers said. "They have to make the decision."

Roger Albrecht buys six registered cattle

COSMOS--Roger Albrecht of Cosmos has purchased six females, ranging in age from two to five years, from Clare Knutson and Sons, Albert Lea, Minn.

Automatic "Fireman" Smothers a Fuel Fire

A new fire extinguishing system based upon Du Pont Fire Extinguishant 1301 has been successfully put into operation by the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., at its Astoria plant in Queens.

The system, provided by Fenwal, Inc., protects giant turbojet engines which are now being used to increase the load capability of its central network. The engines are especially fitted with smoke reduction units.

A recent fire resulting from a leak in a fuel line of one of the engines demonstrates the effectiveness of the new system. The line apparently developed a crack. Fuel leaked on to the engine and was ignited by heat from the engine.

Correction

UNION 76 - 12
CEDAR MILLS - 11

Last week this paper reported the score of the fourth game of the softball tournament as Cedar Mills 11, Union 76 10. This, however, was incorrect as the actual score was Union 76 12 and Cedar Mills 11.

Union 76 had ten hits for the game. Russell Nordine was the winning pitcher.

Cedar Mills had eight hits for the game. The losing pitcher was Randy Schlueter.

Ladies to have bowling meeting

LAKE LILLIAN-- The ladies bowling meeting will be held on Monday Evening at 7:30 at The Lake Lillian Lanes.

All interested ladies are asked to attend. Una Macik is the W. I. B. C. President.

Brookfield

MRS. DUANE LEHRKE, Mrs. Arnold Lofgren, Mrs. Nick Scholla and Mrs. Ernie Zanoth were hostesses, Tuesmorning at a bridal shower, honoring Marlene Weispfennig at the Ernie Zanoth home.

The bride-to-be, her mother Mrs. Cy Weispfennig and Mrs. Calvin Johnson, foster mother of the groom were presented with corsages fashioned by Mrs. Donald Loge. The bride-to-be opened her gifts and graciously thanked the group for them. A morning lunch was served by the hostesses with Mrs. Johnson pouring the coffee. Miss Weispfennig will be the September bride of Gary Abel.

A BRIDAL SHOWER HONoring Chris Wegner of Little Falls, bride to be of Doug Scholla was held Sunday afternoon at the St. John's Lutheran Church. The bride-to-be, the groom's mother, Mrs. Nick Scholla, His grandmother Mrs. Avalt Brede of Eagle Lake, and his sister Nancy were presented with corsages, which had been styled by Mrs. Dovenmuehle. A program was presented by Sally, Becky and Gloria Krueger of Cedar Mills and Denise Gabriel of Hector. The bride-to-be opened her lovely gifts and graciously thanked the group for them. A dessert luncheon was served by the hostesses. They were Mrs. Ray Brede and Mrs. Larry Scholla of Willmar, Mrs Ray Krueger of Cedar Mills, Mrs. Gary Scholla, Anoka, Mrs. Glen Dovenmuehle, Mrs. Norman Gabriel, Mrs. Calvin Johnson and Mrs. Arnold Lofgren of Hector.

MR. AND MRS. GARY Scholla and family of Anoka are spending a week of their vacation at the Nick Scholla home. Doug Scholla of Minneapolis arrived Wednesday for the rest of the week, and Chris Wegner of Little Falls was a week-end guest. Joining the group for dinner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Avalt Brede of Eagle Lake. Later in the afternoon the women attended the shower honoring Chris Wegner at the St. John's Lutheran Church.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON guests at the Ernie Zanoth home were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Zanoth and son of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Swanson of Hector and Susie Zanoth and her friend Kay from Willmar.

FRIDAY, MRS ROBERT Freberg, David and Eric took Geraldine to Owatonna, where she is now employed. Geraldine had spent a few days visiting with her family here. Mrs. Robert Paulson and Larry of Hutchinson also rode along with them.

MR. AND MRS. ALEX Lamb and family attended the Knutson family reunion at Canby, Sunday.

MISS PATTY GUGGENberger of Olivia spent the week visiting her aunt and family, the John Squibbs.

ON JULY 27, SIX GIRLS that are taking Beginning Foods for their 4-H project meet at the Nick Scholla home and prepared a supper for their mothers. The girls are members of the Osceola Jacks and Jills 4-H club.

$60 Medicare 'deductible' is explained

A Medicare patient now pays the first $60 of his hospital bill, which is "an amount related to average hospital costs across the nation," according to W. E. Holtan, Social Security district manager.

The deductible amount paid by the Medicare patient makes him responsible for the equivalent of the average cost of one day of hospital care. That cost may change substantially over the years, Holtan said.

"Medicare administrators are required to review hospital costs once a year to determine whether or not the deductible should be changed.

"The rate of increase (or decrease) is based by law on the ratio between hospital costs in 1966, the first year of Medicare, and hospital costs in the year before a change in the deductible amount is effective.

"The present deductible is based on the ratio between average 1966 hospital inpatient service rates of $37.94 per day and average 1969 rates, which were $55.70 per day," Holtan said.

"The ratio figures out to be 1.468, and that figure was multiplied by $40, the original Medicare hospital deductible in 1966. The product, $58.72, was rounded to the nearest $4, as the law requires. The result was $60, the present Medicare hospital deductible.

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DAY CAMP

At Peace Lutheran Church





Pic and commentary by Linda Kutzke

18 children from the community attended day camp July 11-15. Each day included camp songs, Bible stories, inside and outside games, crafts, science experiments, lots of food, new friends and MUCH MORE!!!

Highlights from each day: On Monday, we tie dyed t-shirts, made lava lamps and stained-glass candle holders. On Tuesday, we painted prayer rocks and kindness rocks. *(17 rocks were placed around town. See if you can find them.)* We also made ice cream in a bag for snack time!

On Wednesday, we read about the Good Samaritan and then worked on a couple service projects (cards to send to our congregation's shut-ins to brighten their day and we tied a couple blankets). We also played Bible Bingo, launched rockets and made bouncy balls with glue.

On Thursday, we played water games outside and enjoyed root beer and orange floats. We had a GREAT week! Thanks to everyone who helped with camp and/or donated food and supplies.

Where's the Gazette?

Number one son Tyler Minnick
went on a big excursion to the far-off and exotic locale of…
Antioch, Illinois.
What he was doing there, I don't know.
Must be the hot vacation destination for us mid-west types.
It kind of reminds me of
the Bill Murray line from the movie "Stripes";
"C'mon, it's Czechoslovakia.
We zip in, we pick 'em up, we zip right out again.
We're not going to Moscow. It's Czechoslovakia.
It's like going into Wisconsin."
Well, Antioch certainly isn't Moscow and it's *just* outside of Wisconsin. So it's *kinda* the same. What this all means in the end, I just don't know. I'm an old geezer and I'm rambling.
At least he had the good sense to have the latest issue of the trusty and always popular "**Galactic Gazette**" with him for reassurance and entertainment. Smart kid-who now earned a KewPie.







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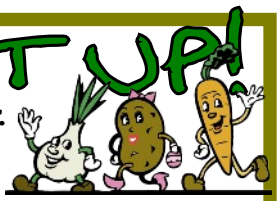
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CHEF IT UP!

"Food and spices….together. What a concept!"

Don't forget to teach a kid how to cook.



Strawberry Lasagna

By Grace Kamrath

Last month I had a strawberry recipe ready to go and for whatever reason I forgot to send it. Anyway the recipe is still a good one and with strawberries

so easily available and at a good price, it will still be a good choice for family reunion, a gathering or just at home. It is a " no bake " so we don't even have to

heat up the oven. For sure ;you have probably had a similar dessert before but now the recipe is in front of you and you don't have to go looking for it.

NO BAKE STRAWBERRY LASAGNA

Crust:

36 Golden Oreo cookies (chocolate would work also)
1/2 c. butter
Crush the cookies and add melted butter. Press into a 9 x 13 pan and cool in the fridge.

Cheesecake layer:

1/2 c. butter softened
1 c. powdered sugar
8 oz. cream cheese room temperature
Mix these three ingredients together.

1 1/4 c. whipped cream
1 1/3 c. diced strawberries
Fold the whipped cream and strawberries into the cram cheese mixture
Spread mixture onto the crust and return to the fridge to cool

Jello layer:

3 oz. strawberry gelatin
1/2 boiling water
1 c. strawberry yogurt
4 c. whipped cream

Dissolve Jello in boiling water, whisk in yogurt. Fold in the whipped cream and spread over cream cheese layer. Cool in fridge for 2 to 3 hours. (I didn't say it lacked calories.)
Should serve 12 people.

My mom had a good sense of humor. One of her favorite sayings was, "Used to be people ate in the house and went to the toilet outdoors. Now a-days, people eat outdoors and go to the toilet in the house."



Local Chicken Shows Up For Space Fest Parade



Pic by Karen Adams

By Local Chicken

Well folks, if you missed the Space Festival parade, you missed my cameo appearance. I decided not to go with the Old Hen to Neptune. I really didn't feel like a long rocket ride and hanging out in the Neptunian casinos for the weekend.

I didn't want to ride on the water tower rocket cause I didn't feel like getting it tuned up and filled with fuel for the parade. What, you think these vintage rockets just fly themselves? They have to be properly tuned and fueled or bad things could happen. Maybe next year, we'll see.

Anyway, I felt like doing something good and righteous. You know, like help out the community. So, I stuck around to throw candy to the poor little waifs waiting ever so patiently and eagerly on the side of the road.

They looked at me with their cute little eyes and you could just tell that they hardly had any candy in their shopping bags. So I threw them some more…poor little kids. Hey, I'm just trying to do my part.

I hope you had a great Space Fest and didn't get waylaid in the beer garden. Mercy. And of course, you could never eat too many pork chops. It's 'the other white meat'…ahem.



Here I am, getting ready to throw that candy. *Selfie by Local*

Thoughts & Observations



By Mark Minnick,
"Insect Loving Idiot" Editor of **The Galactic Gazette**. Email at **wordnut66@outlook.com**

I really enjoyed being a guest host on the KKLN radio's **"Loon Library Remodel Show"** on July 9th. The show's DJ, Rob Ryan made me feel right at home and I had a great time on the show.

When I got back home, I was a little overwhelmed by all the high fives and 'atta boys' I received from so many of the locals. Quite a few texts too. It was humbling to say the least. Thank you everyone.

I plan on writing a full accounting of my radio experience in a later issue. Stay tuned. And rock on!



Rob in the studio getting ready for the show

I had a pretty good time at the Space Festival again this year. Not that it's really that hard. But it was hot and if I stay out too long I turn into a gooey lump of lard. Not a pretty picture.

Thank goodness the firemen keep the beer cold. Anyway, I spent a lot of time in the air conditioning working on the Gazette and some time working on old parts. More on that later.

I really had an unexpected but great encounter during Space Days with some nice folks from the the metro area. Lisa Barton, Deane Biermeier, Ewelina Vraa and Kyle Vraa were really fun to talk to. You should have already noticed the nice article in the Gazette that Deane wrote about the group's **"Space Festival Experience"**. I loved it and was glad to publish it.

It just goes to show ya, there's great people everywhere, you just gotta take the time to say "Hi, how ya doin'?" Or "Hey, nice shirt!" That works too - if they really have a nice shirt. If they don't, go back to "Hi, how ya doin'?"



L to R; Kyle Vraa, Ewelina Vraa, Deane Biermeier, Lisa Barton

As Ewelina introduced herself, just as the rest of the 'invaders' did, she told me that the 'w' in her name is pronounced like a 'v'. *(She, along with the others had written their names down, so this intrepid reporter could write a story about them.)* I also noticed what I thought was an East European accent and I complimented her on it. She gave me the nicest smile, telling me that she was originally from Warsaw, Poland.

Then I smiled and said, "This is really cool" as we continued talking about culture, small town celebrations and American slang. She also mentioned that she was puzzled about something she saw on their drive out to Cosmos on Hwy. 7.

As they drove through Silver Lake, she saw a sign advertising **"Pola-Czesky Days"**. I told her that I was aware of that town celebration and that it had been going on for many years. I also added that it's been historically known as a weekend party for the local Polish descendants.



Flag of Poland

She furled her brow a bit and proceeded to tell me that a celebration like that doesn't make any sense. I asked why and she answered me very matter-of-factly, **"The Poles and the Czechs DO NOT get along."** She went on to tell me that the two peoples have been at odds for more than a hundred years.

Wow, I thought to myself, it paid to get out of bed today cuz I learned something that I wouldn't have learned any other way. *(I may have to do a little history sleuthing online.)* She reiterated that there is no love lost between the both countries and it isn't changing anytime soon. We didn't get into what the original beef was between the two. But that's OK, there was happier things to talk about - and we did.

Ewelina mentioned that American slang has really been tough for her to master. I told her to keep working on it, she'll get better with time. I should have mentioned that I would probably have a heck of time with Polish slang if I moved to Warsaw. I wonder what their slang term is for an old, fat cripple?

You may not see me around much or doing any extra-curricular activities the next two months. I am in the process of liquidating all of my old business inventory, sled parts and snowmobiles. Lots of cleaning, sorting and marking is done so far, with a bunch more to do.

I have sworn off fishing and goofing off this summer. ***No Potluck in Aug or Sept either.*** I am getting all of this stuff ready to go for an online auction in mid September. I felt a little guilty having a few Space Fest beers and being in the parade instead of working on the stuff. The Gazette has been a handful too, but that's the way life is. I'll get it all done, just wish me luck.



"Name one time in human history when a group fighting to ban books or censor speech were the good guys. I'll wait....
Vivek Ramaswamy

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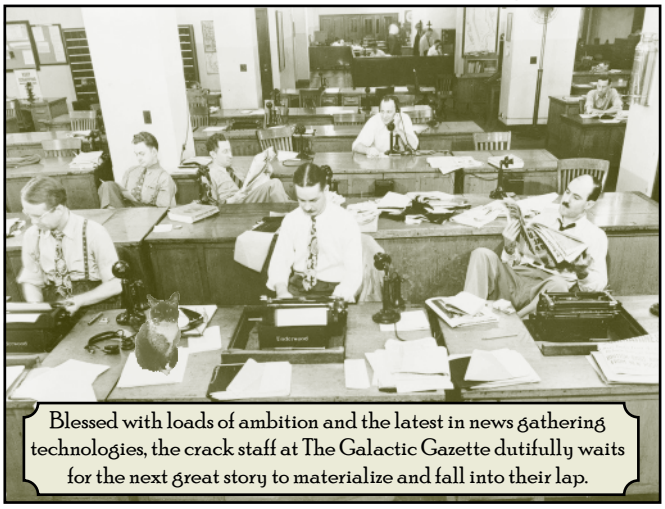
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Letters to the Editor



Blessed with loads of ambition and the latest in news gathering technologies, the crack staff at The Galactic Gazette dutifully waits for the next great story to materialize and fall into their lap.

Via email: Our awesome editor of the Gazette had the privilege of being a guest announcer on the radio LOON station in Willmar on Friday July 9th. He did awesome job and made Cosmos proud.
Joyce Karrigan *I don't know that I'm awesome, but Thanks!*

Hi Mark!

Via email: It was good to meet you yesterday! We had such a great day at the Space Festival! We were the bunch of weirdos in goofy t-shirts at the ball park. I'd like to say a little thank you to the residents if you wouldn't mind getting this *(attached article)* out to them. (-: Thanks! ***Deane Biermeier***

Thank you Deane, it was neat talking to you and your group of interplanetary "Explorers". Sorry we don't wear outer space t-shirts. We really should.

Via email: Hi Mark, Got the paper this morning and was surprised to see my name in print! It is nice to be remembered-thank you! I'm sure someone else will mention it to you but my last name is Hanson not Halverson-close. But those that know me will know and those that don't it won't make any difference so many thanks again. Keep up the good work. ***Donna Hanson***

*Thank you. I apologize for screwing up your name. Readers; it should have read **Donna Erickson-Hanson**. I'll have to give a stern reprimand to my proofreader Samantha. (one of our cats, on desk in pic above.) BTW, I'm impressed that a '57 graduate emailed me. You go girl! Anyway, to try and make it up to you, I dug up this great photo of you, Loretta Wehking & Carol Johnson, senior class candidates for the **1956 Cosmos High School Homecoming Queen**. Neat, huh?*



Cosmos News Staff Photo

THREE QUEENS One of these three charming girls will be chosen queen to rule over Cosmos High school's "homecoming" celebration next Friday. The three candidates, all seniors, are (left to right) Loretta Wehking, Donna Erickson, and Carol Johnson.

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